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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 1283

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SEATO

SUBJECT: SEATO: GVN REQUEST THAT ARTICLE IV OF MANILA  
BE INVOKED

CINCPAC ALSO PASS POLAD

1. SEATO SECGEN TRANSMITTED TO COUNCIL REPS TODAY  
REQUEST RECEIVED FROM GVN MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS VUONG VAN BAC, DATED JAN. 21 THAT IN ACCORD-  
ANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF MANILA PACT, SECGEN CONSULT  
WITH MEMBER GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE "GRAVE SITUATION"  
IN PARACELS AND APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH IT. SECGEN  
HAS REQUESTED COUNCIL REPS' VIEWS ON MATTER.

2. PERTINENT PORTION OF GVN NOTE RELATED TO ACTUAL  
REQUEST IS AS FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN QUOTE: AS A SMALL STATE FORMALLY DESIGNATED BY

STATES MEMBERS TO ENJOY THE PROTECTION OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENSE TREATY IN CASE OF AGGRESSION BE MEANS OF ARMED ATTACK FROM THE OUTSIDE, AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE IV OF THE MANILA TREATY OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1954, THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WHOSE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IS PRESENTLY VIOLATED BY A MAJOR MILITARY POWER, NAMELY PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, CALLS ON THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENSE TREATY TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS TO REMEDY THE DANGEROUS SITUATION CAUSED BY THE ARMED AGGRESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. I THEREFORE KINDLY REQUEST YOU TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH EAST ASIA COLLECTIVE DEFENSE TREATY ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. END QUOTE.

3. AFP HS PICKEDUP RVN REQUEST TO SEATO, REPORTEDLY OUT OF SAIGON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON HOW SEC GEN SHOULD REPLY TO GVN NOTE. AS OTHER MEMBER'S VIEWS BECOME KNOWN, THEY WILL BE REPORTED. TEXT OF GVN NOTE BEING AIRPOUCHED TO EA/RA AND AMEMBASSY SAIGON. KINTNER

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